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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4241

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3086

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (SIKES, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: CODEL SIKES

REF: STATE 190335

1. WELCOME VISIT CODEL SIKES. WISH RECOMMEND FOR CODEL CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING SCHEDULE CHANGE. PERFORM BEIRUT VISIT MONDAY AUGUST 25 DEPARTING BEIRUT 1500 SAME DAY ARRIVING DAMASCUS 1800, DEPARTING DAMASCUS LATE AFTER- NOON AUGUST 26. THIS WILL ALLOW CODEL SIKES TO JOIN CODEL OBEY IN CALL WE HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED FOR REPRE- SENTATIVES OBEY, EARLY, AND KOCH ON PRESIDENT ASAD. CODEL OBEY DEPARTS DAMASCUS FOR AMMAN 1500 AUGUST 26.

2. FONMIN WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY ATTENDING LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT THAT TIME. BY JOINING CODEL OBEY AND CODEL SIKES WE MAXIMIZE CHANCES OF GETTING GROUP INTO PRESI- DENT EITHER EVENING AUG 25 OR EARLY AFTERNOON AUG 26.

3. ADVISE IF FOREGOING ACCEPTABLE TO CODEL SIKES. ALSO ADVISE IF HE WOULD WISH UNDERTAKE FULL PROGRAM FOR CODEL OBEY OUTLINED DAMASCUS 2887, PARA 3 INCLUDING APPOINTMENT CODEL OBEY ARRANGING ON OWN.

4. FOR BEIRUT: ADVISE IF PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGE WILL COMPLICATE YOUR SCHEDULING.

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5. CONTROL OFFICER FSO RODERICK WRIGHT.
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